

REMARKS

Claims 1-32 are pending. By this Amendment, claim 32 is cancelled. No claims are amended or added.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the allowance of claims 1-31.

Reissue Applications

The rejection of claim 32 as being based on a defective reissue declaration was maintained. It was said that the scope of proposed claim 32 goes “well beyond an error of claiming only the means plus function limitations of the original patented claims.” Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. It is only required that at least one error be stated in the reissue declaration. It is not required that all errors corrected be stated in the declaration. See MPEP 1414(II)(B). Hence, the rejection of claim 32 should be withdrawn.

Nevertheless, solely to advance prosecution of the present application, and without waiver or disclaimer of subject matter, Applicant has canceled claim 32. As a consequence, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection of claim 32 is mooted and requests it be withdrawn.

The Examiner further objects to the statement establishing ownership interest in that Dave Wehrs did not state his capacity to sign for the corporation. Since this application was originally filed, the owner NT International, Inc. was merged into Entegris, Inc. of Minnesota. Further, Entegris, Inc. of Minnesota was merged into Eagle DE, Inc. of Delaware. Upon the merger, the surviving Delaware corporation adopted the corporate name Entegris, Inc.

Submitted herewith is a new Statement Under 3.73(b) signed by Peter Walcott, the Senior Vice President and General Counsel of Entegris, Inc. of Delaware, with attached Exhibits, evidencing the merger activity described above and a chain of title for the instant application and the subject patent establishing their ownership by Entegris, Inc. of Delaware. These documents

have also been recorded in the assignment records of the Office as evidenced by the corresponding receipts also included as Exhibits to Mr. Walcott's statement. Also included is a new Consent of Assignee document establishing that Entegris, Inc. of Delaware consents to this reissue. Applicant respectfully submits that these documents establish the required ownership interest and requests that the objection be withdrawn.

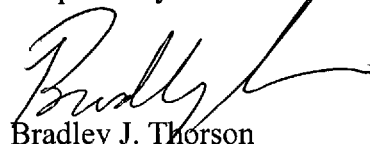
Claim Objections

The claims were objected to in that claim 1 must begin on a separate sheet from the remarks and abstract. In response and in order to ensure that all amendments are presented in proper form, Applicant has herein re-presented all amendments to the specification and claims originally proposed in the Preliminary Amendment. With the exception of the cancellation of claim 32, all amendments to the claims and the specification are identical to those shown in the Preliminary Amendment. To the extent necessary, the Office is directed to the chart showing specification support for each and every claim amendment that was presented beginning at page 15 of the Preliminary Amendment. Further, the Office's attention is directed to the Request for Approval of Drawing Changes submitted with the reissue application.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bradley J. Thorson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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